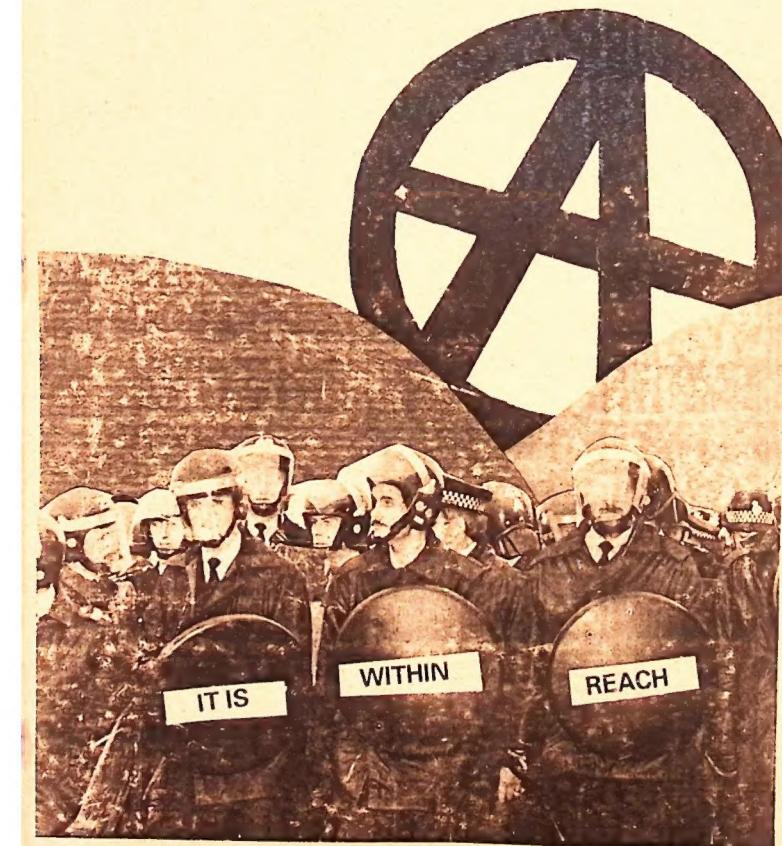


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Welcome to

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The State
we're in...

Modern Anarchism is a year long project, starting from Jan 1st 1999 and finishing Dec 31st 1999. At the end of the year we plan to review what we have done and/or achieved and see where we go from there.

The aim of this magazine is to give our interpretation of the current news and events as well as our take on anarchist/left communist theory. We welcome information and support from sympathetic groups. As you will have noticed M@ comes in a plastic bag, which can include a small number of flyers. We are happy to include any flyers which contents do not conflict with aims and beliefs.

Due to time and financial constraints, we haven't been able to include all the articles prepared for this issue, all well what can you do?



a modern anarchist chimpanzee

is a violent and oppressive place where people are killed and caged whether they obey the system or not. The State seeks only to protect itself, self-preservation demanding that any threat to its' existence be destroyed. Its' functions leave billions dead or suffering.

The State is a non-living thing, it is controlled by a heirarchy of people. Those at the top with the power and those at the bottom doing the work. The nearer the bottom a person gets, the more work and suffering they'll face.

The people at the top have control of the ways and means we have of producing the things we need to survive and enjoy life. They do not produce these these things themselves or create them - the people do.

Those who do not contribute to this system (by their own choice or not) are put in jail, murdered or left to starve. People die so that the State can survive. Those who defend the system we call STATISTS, those who don't ANARCHISTS.

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REVOLUTION STARTING COCKTAILS !

A Black Flag

You will need:

- 250ml Guiness
- 250ml Tennents Extra
- 100ml Smirnoff Blue

Pour half the drink in one glass and half in another. Wait for the cocktail to settle and then drink the first glass in one go.

Done it? Good, now pick up the second glass and a) give it to a friend to try, or b) drink it slowly, reflecting on the different tastes and smells etc. Best drunk at 10:30am on a Wednesday. Tip Tip and up the revolution!

STAY SHARP REVOLUTIONARIES !

I remember reading an article in Black Flag (210) in which the author observed, "...regular dope smokers are just as precious about their stash and supply as any coke-fiend. Coupled with intense laziness and the utter boredom that non-smokers may have to tolerate, we do not need any vague medical evidence about long-term use leading to mental illness to see that there is a real threat to any revolutionary movement from this devil's weed."

The kind of mystique that hangs around marijuana is unbelievable. The claim that it is somehow pro-revolutionary is misguided to say the least. Marijuana is used by most to relax, in prisons the inmates use it as a way of getting to sleep. A generation of "laid-back" youth is exactly what the State wants. Stay sharp revolutionaries, stay sharp!



ABEIT MACHT FREI

Single parents are to be FORCED into taking the first steps in finding work, it was announced on Wednesday February 10. Tony Blair and his government hatchlings back in his London lair are worried that the combination of benefit payments and priority treatment on shitty housing have combined to make a life of poverty-stricken drudgery an attractive proposal to young women. Just like the evil right-wing (and possibly alien) tory John Redwood thought when he was Welsh Secretary.

Most people have been sensible enough not to take up the government's New Deal package (REED employment agency are keen). About 94% ignore voluntary interviews. The plan is now to make people join the system, "we are determined to force them [claimants] over it" a DSS shit-eater was quoted as saying in the Daily Mail (10/2/99).

It is not just single parents that are under attack from Blair et al. it is every person try to claim State Benefits. In an exclusive by the Daily Mail, Blair claimed that "the days of automatic right to benefit will go. In future, people will have a responsibility to take up opportunities as a condition of getting benefits". What he means is that at the end of the day, if you don't take the crap job you're told to

WAGE-SLAVERY OR STARVATION? —
THAT'S NOT A CHOICE, IT'S A THREAT!



STRAW ATTACKS ASYLUM SEEKERS

Demon Headmaster look-a-like Jack Straw has announced a shake up of immigration laws. Hundreds of refugees will be transported to empty accommodation, unused public buildings and (disturbingly) former army camps.

The aim of the new proposed bill is to cut costs and END social security benefits for asylum seekers. Restrictions include vouchers for food and heating to replace real money and a £6,300 registration fee for asylum advisers, who will have to be approved. Those who are granted entry will



Gallup Poll finds a third of public consider the Police RACIST & DISHONEST

The people are becoming increasingly disenchanted with the cops, according to the latest Gallup Poll. Some of the findings include a third of the public who believe police to be "racist" and "dishonest". And around a quarter of the population said that they were "really annoyed" by the police and thought the cops were "threatening". However the majority of the public did not see the police as racist and 5% believe claimed that the police treated blacks and asians BETTER than whites.

EXAMPLE OF GALLUP QUESTION.

Do these words and phrases apply to the Police in Britain today?

	Applies%	Doesn't%
Friendly.....	79.....	18
Part of the community.....	56.....	42
Well-respected.....	43.....	56
Racist.....	38.....	55
Dishonest.....	31.....	64
Threatening.....	22.....	76

Cops victimise elderly women

Inspector David Perret and his son, Pc Richard Perret drunkenly delivered their rendition of the Full Monty before a captive audience of fellow transatlantic flight passengers. The pissed-cops and a friend threatened passengers blocking their way along the aisles and even following an elderly woman to the toilet. She was one of two elderly women who the The Times (9/2/99) claimed "bore the brunt" of the cops aggressiveness. They were both referred to as "the two dykes" by the cops. A stewardess was also subjected to crude sexual remarks from the men and to Insp. David Perret groping her hip in a sexual way.



P.C. R. Perret

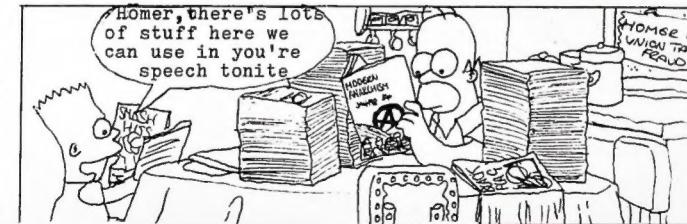
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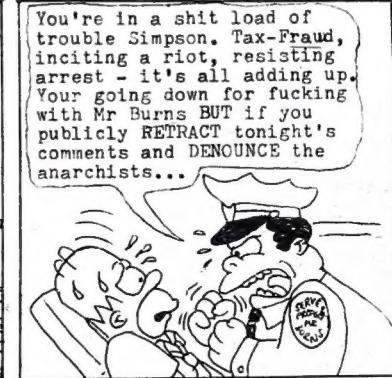
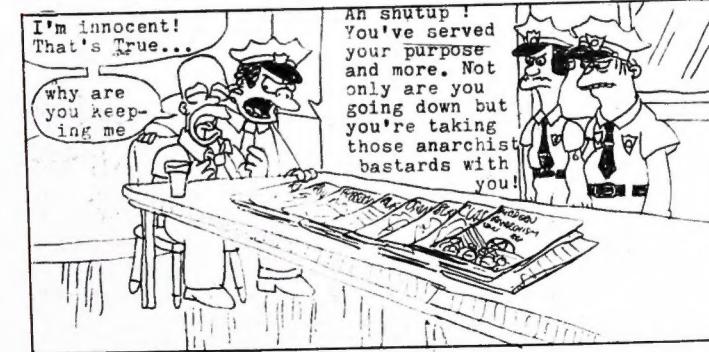
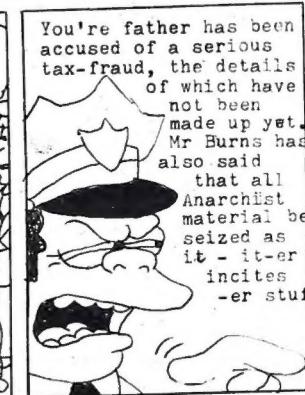
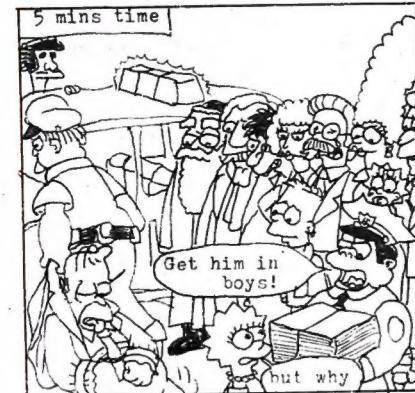
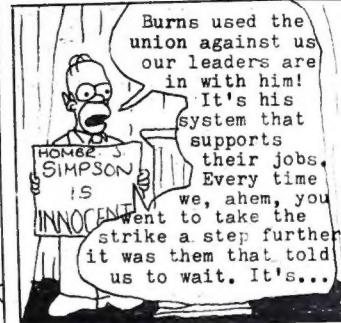
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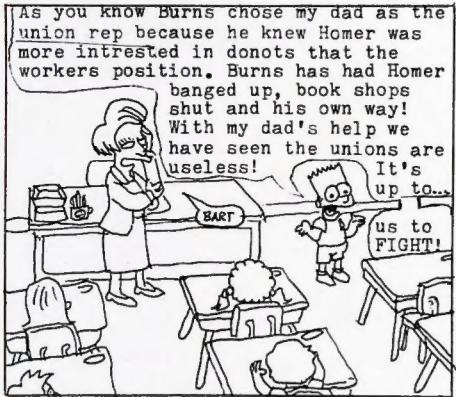
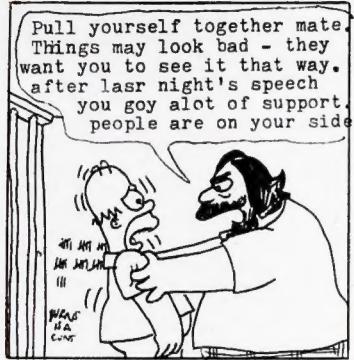
SIMPSONS

FREE

Evil Mr Burns has smashed the Strike at the power plant. Homer has been set-up. He has to address the people of Springfield tonite. Lisa had an @-mag that predicted Homer's down-fall. Could more help him? Read on to find out.





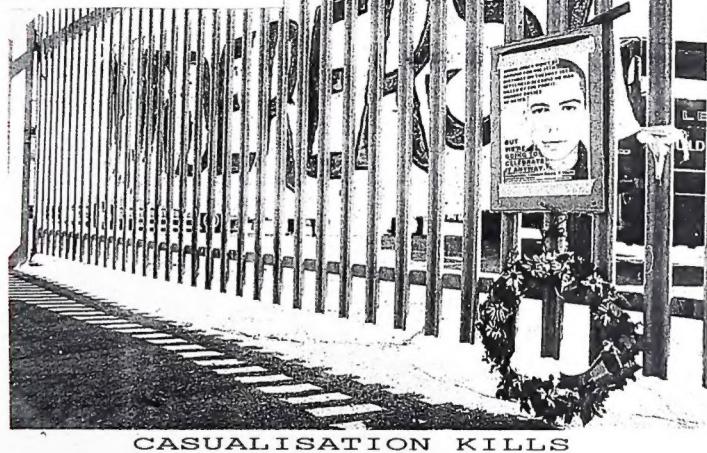


Comedian Jeremy Hardy speaks out again racist Sun and Mirror

Asylum & Immigration Bill Rally

The rally against the proposed Asylum and Immigration Bill took place on Saturday February 27. The details of this vile and racist Bill have been given elsewhere in this magazine (Straw Attacks Asylum Seekers). Many people turned out on the day, with a noticeable Kurdish presence. Speakers included a nine year old girl, who has spent her whole life in Britain, facing deportation to Bangladesh. The usual MP's turned up, expressing their surprise and disgust at their parties policy. These people have spoken from the base of Nelson's column so many times on so many issues, you'd think they'd get the message that you can not get justice from parliamentary politics. That liberal Baroness also turned up to speak, before she left a largely unsympathetic audience, she attempted and failed to reply to a heckler who wanted to know what the fuck a rich bitch was doing addressing a crowd largely made up of communist Kurds. Comedian Jeremy Hardy (If I ruled the world) turned up and slammed papers like the Sun and Mirror. He demanded to know, quite reasonably, why the papers hadn't been prosecuted for inciting racial hatred. Apart from one very minor incident, the rally finished peacefully.





CASUALISATION KILLS

Twenty-four year old Simon Jones left for work on Friday April 24, and didn't come home alive. He had found a job working on a ship at Shoreham Docks, through a recruitment agency. The agency, Personnel Selection, had sent him, with no experience to work in one of the most dangerous jobs in the country. Two hours after he started work, which nobody had trained him to do, Simon was killed, his head crushed by a crane.

This was clearly an industrial which could and should have been prevented. After a lengthy police investigation, no person or company is being charged with manslaughter.

Since his death Simon's family and friends have mounted an extensive campaign aimed at pinpointing who was responsible and preventing such a tragedy happening again. The group went into action in September of last year, on what would have been Simon's 25th birthday. Thirty protesters converged on the dock where Simon was killed and laid a wreath by the dockside. Two 80-foot towers were occupied and giant banners reading "Simon Jones RIP" and "Casualisation kills" were unfurled. Protesters refused to leave until the dock was closed for the day and casual workers were sent home on full pay.

"Some employers seem to treat their workers like machinery. They're not. They have families and friends who are torn apart when things like this happen to them. If this campaign can stop just one more death like this, it will be worth it".

ANNE JONES

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Anorexic Stars can seriously damage your child's health

This is old news, everybody knows that the stars of TV and film become role models for our children. As adults we don't suddenly become immune, think of last years must have "Rachel Cut". Fashion and film have always closely followed each other, what is the harm of our children wanting to be fashionable?

Ignoring the capitalist value system that these role models have, and the fact that almost all characters in films, dramas and sitcoms are impossibly rich, living in "cool" flats and huge houses, exchanging witty monologues around their designer furniture. What is wrong with our children, or indeed ourselves, wanting to physically look like these stars?

Isn't it the accepted view that we, as humans, find the most physically fit and healthy men or women, the most attractive? Men are supposed to want women to bear healthy children and women want men to provide healthy genes. If this is true, and I don't really want to get into a sociobiological debate, then why are people who are, in medical opinion, too thin, held up as examples of beauty and perfection?

There is a lot of evidence from various studies carried out by different groups of researchers, that show a significant difference between the size and shape of female (in particular) role models and the average female weight. This difference is not due to any positive factor, such as the role models being fitter, healthier etc. But that these stars were underweight. Psychologist Garner et al (1980) found that the winners of Miss America and Playboy center-folds have all been consistently below the average female weight and have become significantly more so since 1959.

More worrying statistics have come from studies carried out with children participants. Evidence gathered from these studies have found that the majority of 8-16 year olds consider their particular size and shape to be the most important thing in their lives at that time. Nearly all the children considered themselves to be overweight or needing to lose weight. The huge majority of children who participated in these studies firmly believed that FAT = BAD.

The media presents us all with impossible to achieve ideals, no groups of people in our society are more at risk from this kind of State brainwashing, than our children. Everyone knows how influenced children are by direct advertising. Indeed, a lot of adverts are aimed directly at them. A generation of people who care more about what they look like, than anything else, is what the State is after, how do we oppose it? Send your ideas to BM BOX 6708, London WC1N 3XX.



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